

*Lindera* sp., *Pistacia chinensis*, several species of oaks and minor scrub. Quite a rich and interesting flora.

"On the low lands, in dense copses of *Quercus variabilis*, *Liquidambar formosana*, mulberries, plums and loquats, I found the white barked persimmon. A few trees that had not been grafted to *D. kaki* had fruits on them, which are quite hairy, as are the calyx, the leaves, young shoots and petioles. A few local people whom we asked the name, called it the *Yu shi tze* or 'oil persimmon', apparently.

"With Dr. Main and Mr. Kennedy I'll make some arrangements to send us seeds and scions this fall. The marvel of this white barked fellow is that it delights on places where it is only a few feet above the water's edge and where dampness and shade reign for the greater part of the year, while *D. lotus* and *D. kaki* are just the opposite, although the last one also stands considerable shade, when seen wild on stony mountain slopes near Nanking and around here.

"Yesterday I took some natural size photos of the large Yangmae-fruits (Nagi's) we have here and also of the wild ones which I collected on the Pan Shan. My! the last ones are only one-fourth the size of the big ones. This fruit I consider promising for certain sections of Florida and for California; it may possibly be grafted on local stock-plants."

Japan. Tokyo. Mr. Y. Takahashi, Acting Mayor, writes June 8: "I am very glad to inform you that the dogwood trees, the gift of the Washington government to the city of Tokyo through Mr. W. T. Swingle, arrived in splendid condition. The trees were immediately planted in the Hibiya Park, near the Imperial Palace. I am sure, in a few years when the trees are in blossom, they will be one of the most flowery sights of the park and a constant reminder to our citizens of the kindly feeling of your government and country. Will you express to the Washington government and your country the hearty thanks of this city for its beautiful and generous gift?"